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SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Very interesting debate, and that's why I cosigned the bill. I think that Senator Robak has done a great service raising the consciousness level regarding mental health benefits, as well as on page 4, line 22, the section regarding substance abuse issues. If we realize the impact that substance abuse issues have on our society today, over 80 percent of those who are incarcerated, who violate the law have some substance abuse issue involved in the commission of that crime, either themselves, or for drugs, under the influence of alcohol, et cetera. You could look at the area of domestic violence and understand the role that substance abuse plays there. Senator Robak's bill has some merit. I don't believe that many people would buy riders on their insurance contracts, for example, for substance abuse services. Many people who are alcoholics, the difficult part of that treatment is first realizing that you are in fact an alcoholic, or that you are addicted to chemical dependency. So I'm not sure, although Senator Landis' points are well taken, I'm not sure that that solution is as easy as you might think, well, let's just buy a rider. I don't think people plan on becoming alcoholics. The same can be said for mental illness, I don't think people plan on becoming mental illness (sic). Now, you might say, well, Senator Hilgert, I don't think people plan on having heart attacks either. But I believe that in society still today we do have some sort of a separation, it's viewed differently, mental illness, substance abuse, something that is...versus something that's very physical and very identifiable in nature. Maybe some day we will come, as a society, to realize that chemical dependency addictions, that mental illnesses is part of our society, it's a problem that needs to be treated, it's a problem that should be included in health insurance coverage. I'm not sure I'm going to support the motion to pull out of committee. It failed there overwhelmingly, in fact there's a few other issues I probably won't support coming out of committee, unless there's overwhelming support within the body. So procedurally, Senator Robak might be disappointed in me somewhat. But I do want to congratulate Senator Robak, and I hope, I hope that at least what comes out of her efforts today are very legitimate and founded efforts today is that today let's begin a discussion regarding mental illness and substance abuse in relation to our